

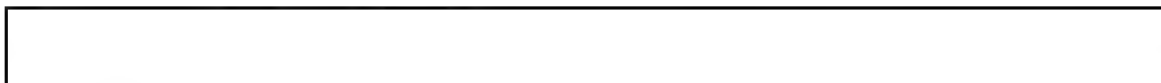
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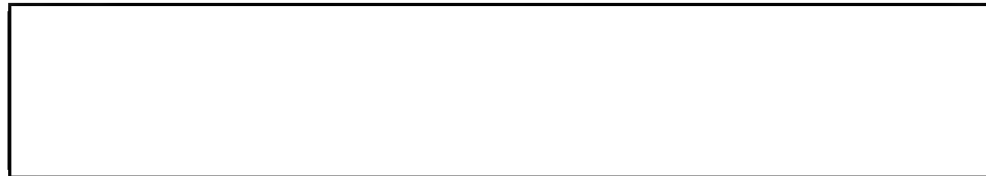
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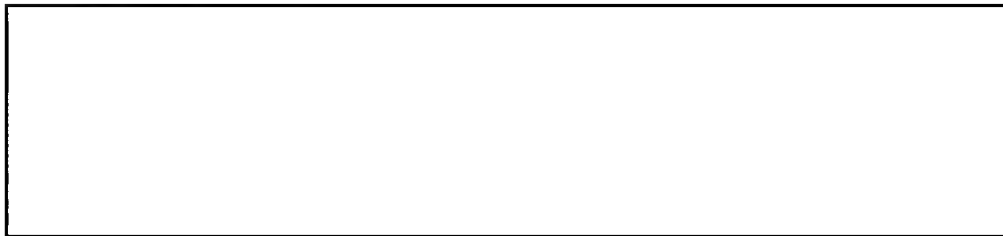
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*South Vietnam: General Khanh is already running into new troubles from the Buddhists, and possibly other groups.

Pressure from the Buddhist Institute forced Khanh to put off the scheduled public execution yesterday of a purported Viet Cong terrorist arrested during recent demonstrations, ^{but} although the execution was carried out this morning. At least two other terrorists are still slated for execution, one reportedly a member of the Buddhist Youth Affairs Office.]

[Saigon's military governor, General Dong, appears determined to deal firmly with any further Buddhist agitation. Dong said he had already so warned the Buddhists when they threatened to demonstrate if he did not release all monks picked up in recent rioting, including those without proper identification. Dong reports that the Buddhists are already beginning to attack him personally, and that he expects before long to be "fighting them in the streets." He claims some Buddhist monks are spreading a clearly anti-American, pro-Viet Cong line.]

Students in the Buddhist stronghold of Hué yesterday protested that the coup had not brought an end to US "interference" in Vietnam's internal affairs.

General Khanh, meanwhile, is shifting away from the government structure earlier outlined to US officials. At a press conference he made it clear that he intends to exercise tight control through the Armed

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Forces Council as the supreme authority, and that the new military-civilian council will be purely advisory. In addition, Khanh now says that Chief of State Suu rather than the military-civilian council will have legislative power. However, Suu's real authority may be restricted to signing decrees of the Armed Forces Council.

Khanh's take-over, with Buddhist collusion, is evidently causing a reaction in Catholic circles. A civilian cabinet minister has told the embassy that Catholic organizations are gearing themselves to "make their presence felt."

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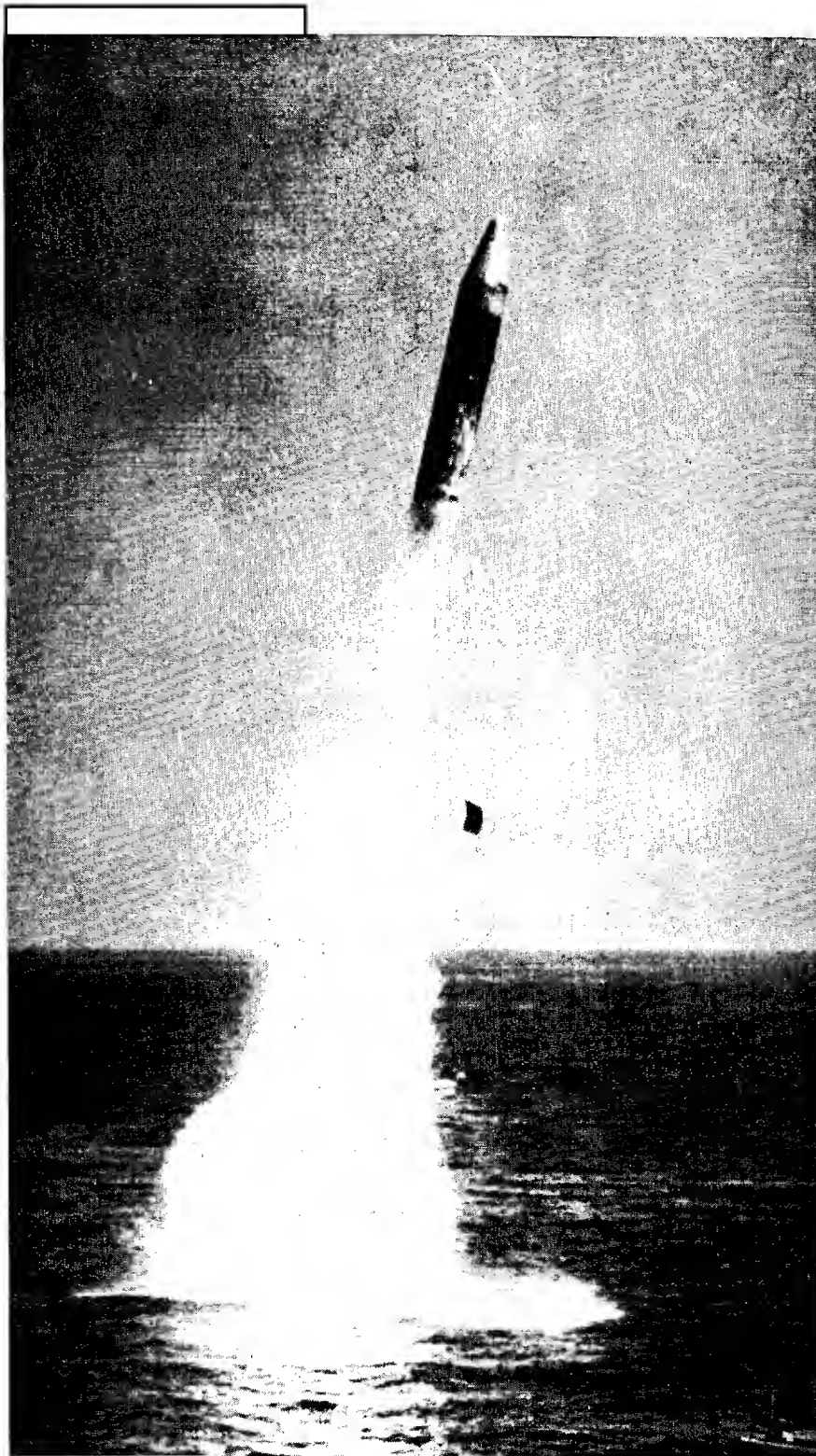
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FRENCH "POLARIS-TYPE" MISSILE TEST, 1964

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France: The French program for developing a submarine-launched ballistic missile has entered the initial phase of testing in preparation for actual firings.

A recent photograph in the French press shows a Polaris-type missile being ejected from underwater at a test installation near Toulon.

The missile was ejected from a test device rather than from a submarine. The Gymnote, a conventionally powered test submarine, which is to serve as the developmental platform for firings of the complete missile system ^(is not yet operational), will not be operational until early 1966.

In addition to the Gymnote, France plans to build three and perhaps eventually five nuclear submarines. 25X1
The French expect the first nuclear submarine to be operational in 1970.

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Belgium-Congo: Belgium is still intent on impressing Tshombé, who is now in Brussels, that continued Belgian aid depends on progress toward settlement of outstanding financial and political problems.

[Brussels has emphasized its point by ordering a slowdown in the activity of Belgian military personnel in the Congo. A Belgian officer in Leopoldville told the US Army attaché on 25 January that orders have been given to "cease military movements" in the Congo]

[As a consequence, all Congolese Army offensive operations have been halted. Belgian officers are the de facto commanders of most major Congolese detachments]

Ambassador MacArthur believes there is a reasonable chance that the Belgians and Congolese will achieve sufficient agreement in the current talks for Belgium to continue its aid, although continuation of military assistance may come in for sharp criticism from Foreign Minister Spaak's Socialist Party.

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OAU-Congo: The Organization of African Unity's Congo Commission ^{which convened in Nairobi on 29 Jan, appears to have adopted} convening in Nairobi today may adopt a more constructive approach than heretofore, despite the continued efforts of the more radical members to topple Tshombé.

Moderate members, notably Nigeria and Ethiopia, seem more determined than previously to block any commission action which would enhance the stature of the Congolese rebels. There is also growing awareness of disunity among rebel leaders and their lack of popular support. [Commission chairman **Kenyatta** reportedly was surprised by the intransigent attitude of rebel leader **Gbenye** when they met two weeks ago.] Nevertheless, ^{Commission Chairman} **Kenyatta** will probably facilitate contacts between **Gbenye** and the commission.

[The radicals' strategy calls for the adoption of seemingly constructive resolutions with preconditions unacceptable to Tshombé. They hope to prove by the time the OAU foreign ministers meet in Nairobi on 25 February that no solution is possible while Tshombé remains premier.] ^{Agreement (that a fact-finding delegation should go to Leopoldville is likely)} ^{Apparently has been reached on Senegal} but the radicals and moderates probably will divide--either at this stage or later--over dealing with Tshombé.

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Panama: [The antigovernment activities of former president Arnulfo Arias' Panamenista Party (PP) are attracting Communist interest.]

[The PP has been fomenting political unrest which the US Embassy reports has been spreading during the past two weeks. Students, civil servants, and other groups are threatening almost daily to demonstrate against low wages and the high cost of living.]

[In the National Assembly, PP deputies have been leading the attack on the administration's domestic program. Arias' supporters are also denouncing President Robles in the press and on the radio as a "tool of the oligarchy."]

[Arias' popular appeal and opposition to the oligarchy have made him an attractive figure to the Communists, despite his personal antipathy toward the local Communist party (PdP).]

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Ecuador: Violence may break out in connection with the anniversary today of an unpopular 1942 treaty delimiting the country's boundary with Peru. [redacted]

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The junta has granted permission for symbolic protest marches, but the police and army will be standing by to maintain order as they did in Quito a year ago. [redacted]

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